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My Raison D'Etre

I've had bad luck ever since I was a kid.
Really bad luck.

Why?
Well... Don't ask me!
To tell the truth, I wish I could be lucky too.
I mean, there's always someone like that in class, right?
In bingo competitions, they're always the first to shout, "Bingo!" When everyone's playing rock-paper-scissors to see who gets to eat the extra desserts, they somehow always win, and and happily help themselves to a second pudding... and despite that, they're still super thin.
Plus, those kinds of people always have a cute face and a nice personality, making them popular with their classmates.
Ugh, come on!
I get upset just thinking about it.
Don't they make you jealous!?

And then, if you look at me in comparison...
Ever since I was a kid, it would always start raining in the middle of the day on sports day.
When it's time for a field trip, a typhoon comes in.
When I go digging for potatoes, it's the worst harvest in several years.
On picture day for the graduation album, I get sick with influenza.
When they're handing out packs of candies at the kids' festivals, mine always has the least stuff in it, and when we're assigned roles in the marching band, of course I get the only broken keyboard.
And, you could say my bad luck was already set in stone from the very moment I was born in this rural corner of the east coast.
Don't you agree?
I mean, even if I do say so myself, I've got it pretty good in the looks department, and I'm decently smart, and I've got good aesthetic sense. People tell me that a lot, but frankly, I'm a pretty sharp girl♥
If I were born in Tokyo, I'm sure I'd live a fashionable life, strutting through the streets of Harajuku, Shibuya, and Omotesando every day, and I could definitely become an amateur model.
No, not just that, I might even get scouted for real and become one of those famous schoolgirls who appear on TV and stuff. Or is that going too far?
Hehe♥
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But that’s out of the question...
Before I knew it, I'm here in a backwoods high school with only one class of students per year (and it's a girls' school!!!), and all I do every day is go to school, and then go home.
And, the road to school doesn't have any fashion stores or trendy cafes, or even a single fast food store.
I do go to Numazu and Mishima stations on my free days, though...
But that's probably not the sort of trendiness I'm looking for.
Someone tell me, where in the world are those trendy cities and shops that are all over TV, magazines, and the net!?

Maybe they're all illusions.
Yeah, that's right. Those are all visions of an alternate dimension, with no relation to the world I live in.
Probably.
Nah, not really.
Yeah, I'm fully aware I'm only saying that because of sour grapes!
Hmph.

I must have thought about this a million times or so.
Why?
Why am I the only one who's so unlucky?
When I was in fourth grade, I saved up my allowance and bought a miniskirt from a clothes store at the train station for the first time.
I so happy. So happy, I couldn't bring myself to wear it, and just hung it up in my room for a while.
The first time I wore it, I immediately fell over and heard the fabric rip.
When I started middle school, I figured I'd sneak away from home and go to Tokyo, but the when I got on the Tokaido line, the train broke down at Atami, and I had no choice but to trudge home.
I've bought talismans, and done purifications.
I always watch the horoscope on morning TV, and I always try my best to get the lucky items and follow their advice.
I've tried everything there is to try.
But, all I've figured out is that none of it works.
So, I thought of something.

I must be a demon♥
Yep.
That's gotta be it♥♥

I mean, now that I've mentioned it, you think so too, don't you?
Otherwise, nothing could explain how terrible my luck is.
Wow, I'm such a genius!
If that's the case, then it's only natural that I'd have terrible luck, right?
I'm a demon, after all.
Demons are messengers of the underworld, sent to raise hell in the world of the living.
Then, wouldn't my unluckiness actually mean I'm a really powerful demon?
Heheh♥
Yeah, that must be the answer!

That's gotta be it!
I'm the adorable little demon Yohane.
So, call me the fallen angel Yohane from now on, alright?
Sheesh, it's all so obvious once you have it figured out♥
As a demon, no matter how many unlucky events happen around me, I'll just consider it proof of my strength as a demon.
I'll live with my head held high!
Even when it rains on sports days, don't blame it on Yoshiko while my back's turned!
We'll all go to hell together♫